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SECRETARY WILL MEET AT CARDIFF

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1. FOLLOWING PARAGRAPHS ARE BRIEF BIOS ON ADDITIONAL PEOPLE SECRETARY CAN EXPECT TO MEET DURING HIS VISIT TO CARDIFF.

2. MERLYN REES, MP, SECRETARY OF STATE FOR NORTHERN IRELAND. MERLYN REES WAS APPOINTED SECRETARY OF STATE FOR NORTHERN IRELAND FOLLOWING RETURN TO POWER OF LABOR PARTY AFTER GENERAL ELECTION OF FEBRUARY 1974. HE HAS BEEN LABOR MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT FOR LEEDS SOUTH SINCE JUNE 1963. HE FIRST HELD JUNIOR MINISTERIAL OFFICE IN MINISTRY OF DEFENSE, FROM DECEMBER 1965 AS PARLIAMENTARY UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE FOR ARMY, AND FROM APRIL 1966 AS PARLIAMENTARY UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE FOR ROYAL AIR FORCE, AND THEN FROM NOVEMBER 1968 UNTIL THE 1970 CHANGE OF GOVERNMENT WAS PARLIAMENTARY UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE, HOME OFFICE. HE WAS ELECTED TO THE SHADOW CABINET IN 1971 AND, FROM 1972-74, WAS CHIEF OPPOSITION SPOKESMAN IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS ON NORTHERN IRELAND. HIS PRESENT JOB IS ONE OF THE TOUGHEST AND MOST THANKLESS IN THE CABINET, BUT HIS

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PERFORMANCE HAS BEEN DISTINGUISHED BY VIRTUE OF HIS

PATIENCE, TACT AND DEDICATION. THE RECENT FRAGILE PROVISIONAL IRA TRUCE IN NORTHERN IRELAND WAS LARGELY THE RESULT OF HIS SKILLFUL HANDLING OF THAT DIFFICULT SITUATION. REES IS MARRIED AND HAS THREE SONS. HE IS WELSHMAN, BORN IN 1920, AND EDUCATED AT UNIVERSITY OF LONDON (WHERE HE WAS PRESIDENT OF THE STUDENTS UNION) AND LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS, WHERE HE TOOK A DEGREE IN ECONOMICS. IN 1951 HE WAS AWARDED TRAVELLING SCHOLARSHIP TO THE UNITED STATES.

3. JOHN MORRIS, MP, SECRETARY OF STATE FOR WALES. JOHN MORRIS IS NATIVE OF CARDINGANSIRE, WALES, WHO FIRST ENTERED PARLIAMENT AS LABOR MEMBER FOR ABERAVON, WALES, IN OCTOBER 1959. HE IS WELSH SPEAKING. HE HAS SERVED AS PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY AT MINISTRY OF POWER, JOINT PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY AT MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND MINISTER OF DEFENSE (EQUIPMENT). WITH RETURN OF LABOR GOVERNMENT TO POWER IN 1974 HE WAS APPOINTED SECRETARY OF STATE FOR WALES. AS SECRETARY OF STATE HE HEADS WELSH OFFICE IN CARDIFF WHICH CARRIES OUT DAY TO DAY ADMINISTRATION IN HOUSING, LOCAL GOVERNMENT, NATIONAL PARKS, PUBLIC HEALTH, ROADS, TOWN PLANNING, WATER AND SEWERAGE AND WELFARE. HE WAS MEMBER OF UK DELEGATION TO THE CONSULTATIVE ASSEMBLY OF COUNCIL OF EUROPE AND WESTERN EUROPEAN UNION. SINCE 1970 HAS BEEN MEMBER OF NORTH ATLANTIC ASSEMBLY. MR. MORRIS IS MARRIED WITH THREE DAUGHTERS.

4. LORD MAYOR OF CARDIFF, COUNCILLOR ALBERT HUIH. LORD MAYOR HUIH WAS BORN IN CARDIFF IN 1914 AND EDUCATED AT LOCAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL. HE WORKED AS OFFICE BOY FOR GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY, CONTINUED HIS EDUCATION PART-TIME AND IN 1947 JOINED NATIONAL DOCK LABOR BOARD. IN 1954 HE WAS ELECTED ON LABOR TICKET AS COUNCILLOR TO CARDIFF CITY COUNCIL, AND HAS SERVED ON EDUCATION, WELFARE AND HEALTH COMMITTEES. HE IS EXECUTIVE MEMBER OF MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION, LIFE MEMBER OF CARDIFF INSTITUTE FOR BLIND AND AN EXECUTIVE MEMBER OF COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICES. HUIH ALSO REPRESENTS PLASMAWR IN SOUTH GLAMORGAN COUNCIL. TEETOTALLER, VEGETARIAN, PACIFIST AND QUAKER, HUIH'S HOBBIES ARE GARDENING AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CARPENTRY. HE HAS TWO CHILDREN, SON AND DAUGHTER AND FIVE GRANDCHILDREN. OFFICE OF THE LORD MAYOR GOES BY ROTATION AMONG COUNCIL MEMBERS. HE SERVES FROM APRIL TO APRIL OF THE FOLLOWING YEAR. THE NEXT LORD MAYOR WILL BE SIR CHARLES HALLINAN, A CONSERVATIVE.

5. LADY MAYORESS MRS. ALBERT HUIH, WIFE OF THE LORD MAYOR. MRS. HUIH WAS BORN IN WALES. SHE WAS MARRIED

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IN 1938 AND HAS ONE SON AND ONE DAUGHTER AND FIVE GRAND-CHILDREN. HER HOBBIES ARE GARDENING, WHICH SHE SHARES WITH HER HUSBAND, AND READING. SHE IS A VOLUNTEER WORKER AT ST. DAVID'S HOSPITAL.

6. COUNTY COUNCILLOR EMYR CURRIE-JONES, FIRST CHAIRMAN OF SOUTH GLAMORGAN COUNTY COUNCIL. CURRIE-JONES WAS BORN AT CAERNARVON AND WAS EDUCATED AT THE CAERNARVON GRAMMAR SCHOOL AND THE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF WALES, ABERYSTWYTH, WHERE HE TOOK AN HONORS DEGREE IN LAW. HE TOOK A PROMINENT PART IN THE LIFE OF THE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE--BEING CHAIRMAN OF THE LABOR CLUB AND THE INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS SERVICE. CAME TO CARDIFF IN NOVEMBER 1949 AS PROSECUTING SOLICITOR FOR CARDIFF CORPORATION AND REMAINED WITH CORPORATION UNTIL 1955 WHEN HE JOINED FIRM OF LOCAL SOLICITORS. HE WAS ELECTED TO THE NEW SOUTH GLAMORGAN COUNTY COUNCIL IN APRIL 1973. HIS MAIN INTEREST IN COUNCIL WORK IS IN EDUCATION AND HE IS CHAIRMAN OF SOUTH GLAMORGAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE. HE IS ALSO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE GOVERNORS OF THE WELSH COLLEGE OF MUSIC AND DRAMA AND VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE GOVERNORS OF THE CARDIFF COLLEGE OF EDUCATION. FLUENT WELSH SPEAKER AND IS SECRETARY TO MINISTRY OF WELSH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, CARDIFF. MRS. CURRIE JONES IS A JUSTICE OF THE PEACE.

7. LORD-LIEUTENANT OF COUNTIES OF GLAMORGAN (SOUTH
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GLAMORGAN, MID GLAMORGAN, WEST GLAMORGAN) SIR CENNYDD
TRAHERNE, KG TD MA. TRAHERNE HAS BEEN LT. FOR COUNTY
OF GLAMORGAN SINCE 1952. HE WAS EDUCATED AT WELLINGTON
AND BRASENOSE COLLEGE, OXFORD. XARRISTER AND COMPANY
DIRECTOR BY PROFESSION HE HAS SERVED AS PRESIDENT OF THE
WELSH COLLEGE OF ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY; CHAIRMAN,
REPRESENTATIVE BODY OF CHURCH IN WALES; PRESIDENT,
WELSH NATIONAL SCHOOL OF MEDICINE. THE LORD LIEUTENANT
IS HER MAJESTY'S REPRESENTATIVE IN THE COUNTIES AND IS
APPOINTED FOR AN INDEFINITE PERIOD.

8. COL. G.F.K. MORGAN, HIGH SHERIFF OF SOUTH GLAMORGAN.
GEORGE FREDERICK KENNETH MORGAN WAS EDUCATED AT CLIFTON
COLLEGE. HE RECEIVED MILITARY CROSS IN WORLD WAR II.
SENIOR PARTNER OF INTERNATIONAL FIRM OF CHARTERED
ACCOUNTANTS, PARTNER IN FIRM OF MANAGEMENT CONSULTANTS
AND COMPUTER SPECIALISTS AND DIRECTOR OF COMPANIES.
MARRIED WITH TWO DAUGHTERS, ONE SON. HOBBIES - GOLF,
WALKING, GARDENING AND COLLECTING ANTIQUES. HIGH
SHERIFF IS APPOINTED BY THE QUEEN TO SERVE FOR ONE YEAR.

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